

**City of Aberdeen Council Meeting
June 2, 2014**

Present: Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck,
and Councilwoman Young

Absent: Councilman Garner

Also Present: Douglas Miller, City Manager
Henry Trabert, Chief of Police
Opiribo Jack, Director of Finance
Monica Correll, City Clerk
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The prayer was led by Pastor Merritt Schatz, Grover Presbyterian Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Bennett.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Landbeck to approve minutes from the Council Meeting on May 19, 2014.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – absent.

PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

1. Resolution No. 14-R-07, Harford Family House Project (For Introduction and Adoption)

Mayor Bennett introduced Resolution No. 14-R-07, Harford Family House Project.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Resolution No. 14-R-07, Harford Family House Project.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – absent.

2. Ordinance No. 14-O-11, Budget FY 2014-2015 (For Adoption)

Mr. Miller reported that the budget had shrunk from last year. There would be no tax or rate increase and no decrease in services. The public hearing requirements had been met.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 14-O-11, Budget FY 2014-2015.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – absent.

3. Ordinance No. 14-O-12, Amendments to Heritage Trust, Chapter 61 (For Adoption)

Mr. Miller explained that this ordinance updated this chapter of the code.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve Ordinance No. 14-O-12, Amendments to Heritage Trust, Chapter 61.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – absent.

4. Ordinance No. 14-O-13, Amendment to the 2011 Comprehensive Plan (For Deferral to August 25)

Mayor Bennett deferred Ordinance No. 14-O-13, Amendment to the 2011 Comprehensive Plan to August 25, 2014. A public hearing was scheduled on July 28, 2014.

BUSINESS OF THE CITY:

1. Unfinished Business - None
2. New Business – None
3. Business from the Director of Planning and Community Development – Phyllis Grover was not in attendance.
4. Business from the Chief of Police – No report.
5. Business from the Director of Finance

- a. Budget Amendment

Mr. Jack presented a FY 2014 Budget Amendment for the General Fund to be increased by a total of \$138,435 for the following.

Description	Amount	Comment
		Wq5
1. Pool Repairs at the Swim Club	\$ 24,000	Funded with Fund Balance
2. Transfer to Stadium Fund for various repairs to Ripken Stadium (ceiling, fire alarm/suppression system, outfield padding, piping, pumps, etc.)	\$114,435	Funded with Fund Balance
Total	<u>\$138,435</u>	

Mr. Miller added that cold weather caused damage to the children’s pool at the Swim Club and to the Crab Shack at Ripken Stadium. Ripken Stadium also required repairs due to faulty installation.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Landbeck and seconded by Councilwoman Young to approve the FY 2014 Budget Amendment to increase the General Fund in the amount of \$138,435 for the described items.

The motion passed by a vote of 4 – yes and 1 – absent.

6. Business from the Director of Public Works (DPW) – Mr. Lapinsky was not in attendance.
7. Business from the City Manager

Mr. Miller invited the Council to an emergency management class to be presented by Bob Rhode, Town of Ocean City Emergency Services. He said that the Maryland Municipal League Conference in Ocean City, Maryland was scheduled for June 8 -11, 2014 and the 9/11 Memorial Unveiling was scheduled for June 28, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Aberdeen Festival Park.

Mr. Miller announced that Mr. Curtis Ball would replace the former Water and Wastewater Superintendent, Mr. Paul Visser, who had recently passed away. Mr. Ball was a tenured employee who ran the water/wastewater operation for Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG).

BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL:

1. Business from the City Council

The Council complimented The Record newspaper on a favorable editorial recognizing the City's work on the FY 2015 Budget.

2. Business from the Mayor

The Mayor invited everyone to the 9/11 Memorial Unveiling and 125th Anniversary of the Aberdeen Fire Department. He and Chief Trabert participated in Vi Ripken's charity golf tournament held at Ruggles Golf Course, APG to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County.

The Mayor also reported that Mr. Kevin Ryan, a fourth grader at St. Joan of Arc School, won the, "If I Were a Mayor" contest sponsored by the Cecil/Harford Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League. Mr. Ryan had already visited the State House where he received a Governor's Citation and a \$100 gift certificate. Mayor Bennett will be spending the day with him on June 3. The day's agenda will include attending a meeting, visiting the water and wastewater treatment plants, city departments, and Ripken Stadium. Mr. Ryan will also present a proclamation to the Harford Family House. It was noted that three of the five finalists in this contest were from St. Joan of Arc School who were honored at an earlier time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Business Meeting/Work Sessions: Monday, June 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 21, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, July 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
(Includes Public Hearing on Ordinance 14-O-13, Amendment to 2011 Comprehensive Plan.)

Next Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

9/11 Memorial Dedication and the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the Aberdeen Fire Department
at Festival Park on Saturday, June 28, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Elliott and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.